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## Newsletter

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### A Message from Miss Thomas:

Children and staff are now settled into our new routines and the children are appearing happy and confident with being in school. Teachers are now beginning to assess where children are and making plans to fill any gaps that have arisen over lockdown.

Our Nursery and Reception children have made an excellent start to school and from next week USA & Brazil Classes will join us full time. It will be great to have them fully involved in school life.

Over the last two weeks children have been focussing on two of our Core Values. Our new Core Value Monsters have been introduced to help the children's understanding of them. Please ask your child about Pip Positivity and Ammy Aspiration and see the further information below about them.

### **TD days 2020/2021**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

**2 TD days to be confirmed**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last Day of Term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Secondary School place application deadline
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	First Day of Term 2

## Covid19 Procedures:

Just a reminder that if your child or **anyone in your household** develops coronavirus symptoms, **your child should not come to school**. All members of your household should stay at home and self-isolate and you should book a test for the person with symptoms. There were some issues with booking tests last week but this appears much better now and families have been able to book tests very quickly this week.

The symptoms to look out for are:

- A high temperature (above 37.8 degrees)
- A new persistent cough
- A change to your sense of taste and/or smell

If anyone in your household does develop symptoms, please phone the office as soon as possible to let us know and keep us updated of any changes. You will also need to phone 111 or 119 who will help you with what to do.

If your child is off because of covid19, please do not send them back to school until you have phoned the office and discussed their return. We need to be sure that either the person with symptoms has received a negative test or your child has self-isolated for the correct amount of time. This is to make sure we minimise the risk of covid19.

## Drop off and Pick Up:

The arrangements for drop off and pick up are now working much more smoothly – thank you for your support with this.

Please could you make sure your child waits with you and does not run around while queuing. At the moment, there are children playing around the staff cars at the lower school drop off point. I am sure you appreciate that staff do not want their cars to get damaged. There are also a lot of children playing at the front of school and this is obstructing other parents who are dropping their children at the Children's centre

## Safeguarding Update:

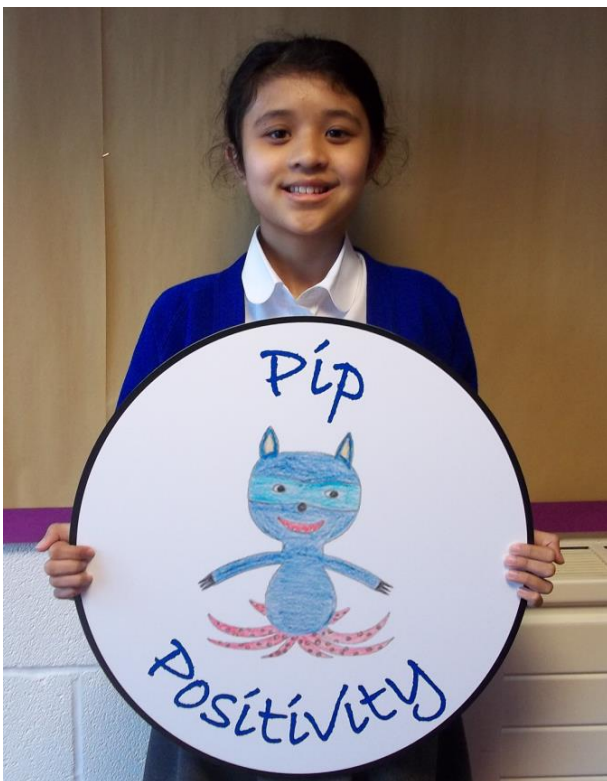
Over the last few weeks, we have been hearing a number of children discussing inappropriate material they are viewing online, often through youtube and other streaming sites. If you allow your child to use these sites, please make sure you are supervising their use and have appropriate parental controls. The attached document from national online safety gives some useful information about the risks as well as some safety tips.

## Core Value Monsters

Last year, before lockdown, the Student Leadership Group ran a competition for children to design monsters to represent each of our Core Values (aspiration, positivity, pride, respect, resilience and responsibility). There were lots of fabulous entries and during Term 6, a winning design for each monster was selected. The winning designs have been made into pictures to be displayed around the school and we are gradually introducing our new Core Value Monsters.

Last week, Pip Positivity, designed by Rayana (Norway Class) was introduced and this week, Ammy Aspiration, designed by Ivanna from last year's Year 6 has been the focus. Well done to Rayana and Ivanna, both have been awarded 10 house points for their winning designs.

As we go through the term, our remaining four Core Value Monsters and their designers will be introduced.



## Warminster Bunting Project:

Thank you to all those families who contributed bunting towards the community bunting project in Warminster. The town looks very bright and colourful as a result of all the hard work during lockdown. Our bunting is on display and you may like to have fun finding your flags throughout the town. Also, thank you to our very own Acorn Site Manager, Chris Trimby and the team from Warminster fire station, for helping to put the bunting in place.



## MILITARY PARENTS

Just a reminder that Mrs. Leeson our *Parent and Support Worker* is available to discuss any concerns that you may have in relation to the impact the upcoming exercises and tours may have on your child. If you wish to arrange an appointment you can call the main office or alternatively drop into school to arrange. If you would like your child to create a "bluey" whilst a loved one is away, please could you provide contact details in a sealed envelope for the attention of Mrs. Leeson, so that this can be arranged. As with last time, if postage is required they will be sent home with the child but if postage is free they will be sent directly.

For any families that are due to relocate and move schools, please feel free to contact Mrs Leeson for information and advice as to how to support your child during what can sometimes be a confusing/exciting/difficult period/challenging period for Children and Parents. For any families who are part of the Regimental move, please feel free to contact her in advance so that she can signpost you to support that is available to you in Catterick Garrison and the surrounding areas. I have information in relation to schools, Catterick Garrison and a vast range of other agencies – My door is always open – please feel free to contact me for further details.

### Members of the Army Reserve

Please let the school know if either parent is on full time commitment to the Army Reserve because we will receive extra funding to support your child in school – just as we do for members of the regular armed forces.

## Free School Meals

Free School Meals are available to eligible children that attend school within Wiltshire on a full-time basis. This includes Nursery children of compulsory school age who attend school full-time. You must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below to be eligible for Free School Meals for your child or children.

- **Income Support**
- income-based **Job Seekers Allowance** (NOT contribution based JSA)
- income-related **Employment and Support Allowance** (NOT contribution based ESA)
- support under **Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** - National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- the guarantee element of **State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (you must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 (April 2012))
- **Working Tax Credit 'run-on'** - the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- **Universal Credit** (provided you have an annual net earned income of no

If you think that you may qualify for Free School Meals please see the attached application form for you to complete.